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AFFAIRS

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FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING ORALLY FROM ME TO KING HUSSEIN.
2. BEGIN ORAL MESSAGE:

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AMBASSADOR PICKERING HAS REPORTED TO ME YOUR MAJESTY'S CON-

CERNS WITH RESPECT TO SAUDI ARABIA AND DEVELOPMENTS IN THE GULF. WE, OF COURSE, ATTACH HIGHEST IMPORTANCE TO CONTINUING STABILITY IN SAUDI ARABIA, AS ONE OF THE KEY COUNTRIES ON THE GULF, AND IN THE GULF AREA GENERALLY. WE ACCORDINGLY SEEK TO FOLLOW DEVELOPMENTS THERE CLOSELY AND PARTICULARLY WELCOME ANY INSIGHTS AND INFORMATION THAT YOUR MAJESTY PASSES ON TO US.

IN SAUDI ARABIA, WHILE THERE ARE CLEARLY THE KIND OF PERSONALITY ADJUSTMENTS GOING ON WHICH ARE INEVITABLE IN ANY TRANSITIONAL PERIOD AND IT IS PERHAPS TOO SOON FOR FINAL

JUDGMENT, WE HAVE BEEN IMPRESSED ON THE WHOLE BY THE STEADINESS AND DETERMINATION TO STICK TOGETHER WHICH THE NEW LEADERSHIP HAS DEMONSTRATED SO FAR.

REGARDING THE WAR IN DHOFAR WE HAVE NO INFORMATION TO CONFIRM ANY REPORTS THAT THE IRANIANS MIGHT WITHDRAW THEIR MILITARY CONTINGENT. IT IS OUR IMPRESSION THAT THE IRANIANS ARE PREPARED TO STAY AS LONG AS THE MILITARY SITUATION REQUIRES AND THE OMANI GOVERNMENT DESIRES. AS FOR SAUDI ARABIA, ITS CONTRIBUTIONS TO OMAN HAVE THUS FAR BEEN MAINLY ECONOMIC RATHER THAN MILITARY. THE SAUDIS HAVE RECENTLY FURNISHED SOME SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL HELP TO THE OMANIS. WE BELIEVE THE OMANIS ARE RATHER WELL EQUIPPED MILITARILY AT PRESENT TO CARRY ON THE DHOFAR OPERATION UNLESS THERE SHOULD BE A MAJOR ESCALATION BY THE PDY WHICH SEEMS UNLIKELY AT THE MOMENT.

AS FOR IRAQ, IT IS CLEAR THAT THE LEADERSHIP IN BAGHDAD IS SEEKING A LARGER IRAQI ROLE IN THE MIDDLE EAST GENERALLY, AND IN GULF SECURITY AFFAIRS IN PARTICULAR. WHETHER THIS WILL BE ON BALANCE A POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE ROLE, FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF THE INTERESTS YOUR MAJESTY AND WE SHARE, WILL DEPEND ON THE DEGREE TO WHICH IRAQ'S IMMEDIATE NEIGHBORS -- ESPECIALLY SAUDI ARABIA AND IRAN -- ARE ABLE TO EXERCISE A MODERATING INFLUENCE, AND ALSO ON THE DEGREE TO WHICH IRAQ IS PREPARING TO MODIFY ITS FORMERLY DISRUPTIVE POLICIES TO BECOME AN ACCEPTABLE PARTNER TO THOSE NEIGHBORS. OUR IMPRESSIONS ARE SOMEWHAT SECRET

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MIXED SO FAR BUT NOT ALL NEGATIVE. MOST WORRISOME, PERHAPS, IS IRAQ'S POTENTIAL FOR CAUSING PROBLEMS FOR PRESIDENT ASAD, AND THIS WILL BEAR CLOSE WATCHING.

YOUR MAJESTY HAS JUST BEEN IN THE GULF AREA, AND I WILL WELCOME ANY FURTHER IMPRESSIONS YOU MAY HAVE FORMED.

I APPRECIATE YOUR MAJESTY'S ALERTING US TO YOUR CONCERNS

AND ASSURE YOU THAT WE WILL KEEP A CLOSE WATCH ON THE  
SITUATION IN SAUDI ARABIA AND THE GULF. END ORAL MESSAGE.  
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